

Prayer List



Of Our Number

- ♦ Janice Carnley—health problems
- ♦ Jennifer Derrick—surgery 4/11
- ♦ Eloise Hoffman—lung cancer
- ♦ Florene Howze—improving
- ♦ Rick Laux—EGD on 4/15
- ♦ Kynlie Lawson—tests soon
- ♦ Jim Ward—health problems

Others in Need

- ♦ Ken Blackford—health issues
- ♦ Susie Burke (Laura Laux' mother) —surgery April 2nd
- ♦ Belinda Crawford and family
- ♦ Eugene Crow—surgery soon
- ♦ Whitney Derrick—expecting
- ♦ Chloe Fleming—liver disease
- ♦ Mrs. Foster—broken leg, surgery
- ♦ Wanda Hunter—stage 4 cancer
- ♦ Vernie Mann (Chris Wynn's mother) —health problems
- ♦ Brenda Mateer—surgery recovery

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♦ Pray also for those who have lost loved ones, first responders, police officers, government leaders, military, those traveling, alien sinners, those fallen away, the church at Baker and worldwide.

Events



April 7
Fellowship meal after morning worship

April 24
4th Wednesday Singing

May 5-10
Our Gospel Meeting with various speakers

Faithful Worship — **1) Praying** to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ (Luke 11:1-2; John 16:23; Eph. 5:20; Phil. 4:6); **2) Singing** without mechanical instruments (Matt. 26:30; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16-17; Heb. 2:12); **3) Preaching** God's Word (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:42; 20:7); **4) Giving** as prospered, cheerfully (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 9:7); **5) The Lord's Supper** on the first day of every week (Matt. 26:26-28; Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:20-34; 16:2; Heb. 10:23-31).

To Our Visitors

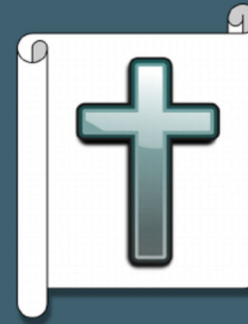


We are happy and honored that you are here! Please fill out a visitor's card and give us a chance to get to know you. If you have any questions about anything said or done in Bible class or worship, please ask. We seek to give a Bible answer for everything we do (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 3:15; 4:11).

Privileged to Serve



Announcements—Glenn Howze
Song Leading—David Howze (Sun.)
 Ethan Howze (Wed.)
Serving the Lord's Supper
 Head: Leo Derrick; Helpers: Justin Derrick, Josh Lawson, Chris Wynn
Lord's Supper PM
 Head: Glenn Howze
 Helper: Chris Wynn
Scripture Reading—Justin Derrick



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Meeting Times

Sundays:

10AM Bible Class
 11AM Worship
 5:30PM Pew Packers
 6PM Worship

Wednesdays:

7PM Bible Class

Other Information

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A Few Words from Jason

There was no bulletin last week, because my family and I went on vacation. Yes, we actually went somewhere this time! However, we came back a day early and attended worship here at Baker on Sunday, because this is our home, and we are thankful to be here (even when I'm on "vacation").

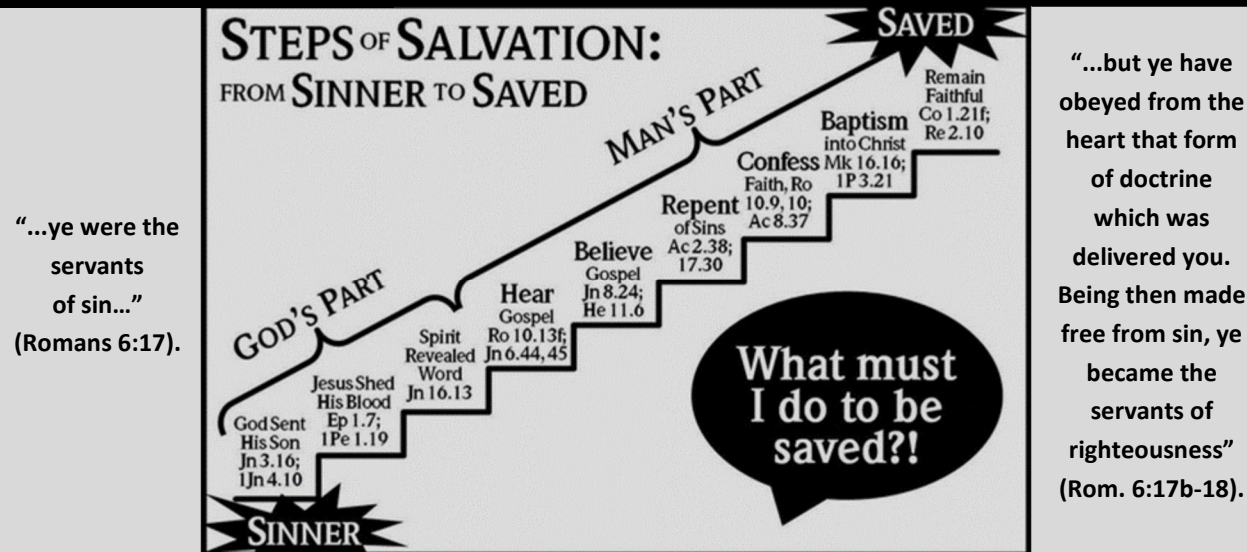
This week's article is in no way intended to shed a negative light on the Baker congregation. These are simply some practical things about preachers' wives in general that many Christians all over the world likely do not understand. When I was considering working with the congregation here, I asked what expectations they had of my wife. They said, "No more than any other Christian woman of the church." That was the correct answer! There are no scriptural qualifications specifically for a "preachers' wife." That said, my wife is truly exceptional, and I don't know what I would do without her love and support. I truly appreciate my godly wife!

Six Things You Should Know About Your Preacher's Wife

Brandon Baggett

An old saying suggests that by every good man stands a good woman. Perhaps Gospel preachers know better than anyone else that these sentiments are absolutely true. Without the loving support, wise words of counsel, and relentless encouragement of his wife, the preacher knows he would be nothing. She helps to make possible everything he accomplishes, and she loyally stands by his side in both the good and bad times of ministry. She is his rock in the often-turbulent rush of challenges, discouragements, and stresses he experiences. She is his sounding board for ideas. She is his shoulder

STEPS OF SALVATION: FROM SINNER TO SAVED



"...ye were the servants of sin..."
 (Romans 6:17).

"...but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:17b-18).

to lean on when disappointments come. She is his partner in visitation, encouragement, and teaching. She is there when others are not. She lifts up his hands, encourages his soul, and clings to his side as they stand together in the shadow of the cross. Thank God for the faithful wives of God's preachers! I certainly thank God daily for mine! She is all of this and much more to me.

Unfortunately, the wives of preachers are often some of the most overlooked and misunderstood members of the body of Christ. Preacher's often get praise, recognition, and compliments for their talents and value to the church, but what about the devoted wife who stands by his side? Rest assured, your local congregation is richly blessed to have a great preacher's wife. May I give you a challenge? Love her. Support her. Encourage her. Seek to better understand your preacher's wife.

PREACHERS' WIVES DEEPLY LOVE THE CHURCH. Sure, we all know of situations where a preacher's wife did not live up to the worthy calling of the Gospel. However, I am convinced that is the exception, not the rule. Preacher's wives are often some of the most studious and devoted members of the local congregation. Though she did not choose his vocation, she lovingly supports her husband and the life of ministry he has chosen. She loves the Lord and strives to magnify Him each day. She shares her husband's love for the church, passion for souls, and thirst for the Scriptures. She deeply loves you. Remember, she and her family are with you because they love the Lord and His church, and they want your local congregation to be the very best it can be.

PREACHERS' WIVES SACRIFICE MUCH. Yes, we all make sacrifices, but have you ever thought about how much she sacrifices? Many preacher's wives are more than willing to sacrificially go the extra mile for the cause of Christ. They often live miles, even states, away from their families. They often must raise their children without the nearby help of grandparents. They uproot their families and frequently move. They face criticism, mean-spirited Christians, and complaints. They share their husbands with the church, enduring many hours of their husband being away while caring for the church. Due to the financial strain many preacher's experience, their wives often learn to manage money and manage on living with less. However, she silently sacrifices without complaining, because she loves the church and supports her husband in his noble work.

PREACHERS' WIVES FREQUENTLY FEAR MOVING. You may not know it, but she fears the thought of having to move again. She thinks about getting too attached to a house or a neighborhood. Thoughts of having to leave behind a good doctor or dentist the family has grown to love will cross her mind. She contemplates having to pull her kids from a school system and take them away from their friends. She looks around her house and dreads the thought of packing it all up and loading it onto a moving truck again. She eats at a restaurant she loves, shops at a beloved store, or lets her children play at their favorite park knowing it might not always be possible if they have to move away. She knows her husband's success is often measured by the numbers on the record board, nickels in the plate, and happy people in the pew. Will this elder's meeting be the one where he is let go? Yes, this thought crosses her mind.

PREACHERS' WIVES ARE OFTEN VERY LONELY. Most preachers and their wives share the plight of loneliness most church members will never understand. This could be the greatest challenge preacher's wives experience. They often cannot escape superficial relationships, because no one in the congregation really tries to get close since she is the wife of the preacher. Sometimes her confidence is betrayed by those in the congregation with whom she thought she could confide. She struggles with fears of getting too close to people in the church lest they have to move again. There are even times when the wife of a preacher may isolate herself to insulate herself from the negativity and critical spirits of some church members. Additionally, with her husband being on call 24/7 with the church, she can feel like she is just getting the leftovers of his schedule.

PREACHERS' WIVES CANNOT MEET ALL OF YOUR EXPECTATIONS. Like her husband, the preacher, her life is often filled with unrealistic expectations. She is to always look nice and presentable to set a good image for the church. She is to be friendly and courteous to all within the congregation. She is to keep her children quiet and orderly in the assembly. She is to be present and involved in every church activity. She is to keep a clean home and be hospitable to all. The preacher, his wife, and their children are often held to a much higher standard which better resembles fantasy rather than reality. Remember, she is just a human like you. She will have bad days. Her children will sometimes be disruptive in the assembly. She has weaknesses, frailties, struggles, and temptations too. She may not always meet your expectations, but she is ever striving to be faithful to the will of the Lord Jesus Christ.

PREACHERS' WIVES CANNOT DO IT ALL. In many congregations, certain responsibilities and works seem to fall into the lap of the preacher's wife by default. Perhaps this is part of those unrealistic expectations we often have for the preacher and his family. Many congregations naturally expect the preacher's wife to be responsible for Vacation Bible School. She is often expected to take the lead in planning ladies' events and classes. She is sometimes expected to spearhead the church's Bible class program. She may be instinctively expected to do the church bulletin. In many cases, the role of the preacher's wife becomes so encompassing that it basically resembles that of a church secretary. It is certainly not wrong for the wife of a preacher to be involved in these things, or even to do them. However, to assume that she should naturally be required to do them since she is the preacher's wife is really quite unfair. She has her unique talents and abilities too. Let her use her special talents rather than imposing on her the talents you expect her to have. Additionally, it would do many churches well to remember that she is not the one who is being paid by the church.

(Even though this is not an exhaustive list of insights and challenges the wives of preachers experience, these things are designed to give you just a brief insight into the life of your preacher's wife. No, it is not all bad. In fact, the life of service she and her husband are living is one of the most rewarding. She loves what she and her family are doing for the cause of Christ. But, she does need you to understand her! She needs her brothers and sister to be patient with her. She yearns to be treated as your equal. She hungers for your true friendship. She needs time to get away and relax. She needs opportunities to grow spiritually. Above all, she needs to be valued and appreciated!)